

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONGO NATIONAL FOREST
MESA RANGER DISTRICT**

TARGET SHOOTING PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands within the areas, roads, and trails of the Mesa Ranger District, Tonto National Forest, Maricopa County, State of Arizona as described in this Order and depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

1. Discharging a firearm, air rifle or gas gun. **36 CFR 261.58(m)**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREA

All National Forest System lands and roads within the exterior boundaries of National Forest System roads and 402, Tonto National Forest, as depicted in Exhibit A of this Order. Starting from the intersection of Highway 87 and NFSR 143, following the roadway northwest for 5 miles encompassing 300 feet along both sides of the road bed. From the junction of Highway 87 and NFSR 402, following the roadway southwest for 3 miles encompassing 300 feet along both sides of the road bed.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect National Forest visitors, employees and cooperators involved in a volunteer clean-up in the restricted area, where the indiscriminate discharge of a firearm is likely to pose a substantial risk to public safety.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order will be in effect Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 06:00 a.m. through Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 06:00 p.m., unless terminated sooner.
2. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.
3. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571(b) (6), 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].

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Dated this 21st day of October, 2014, at Phoenix, Arizona.

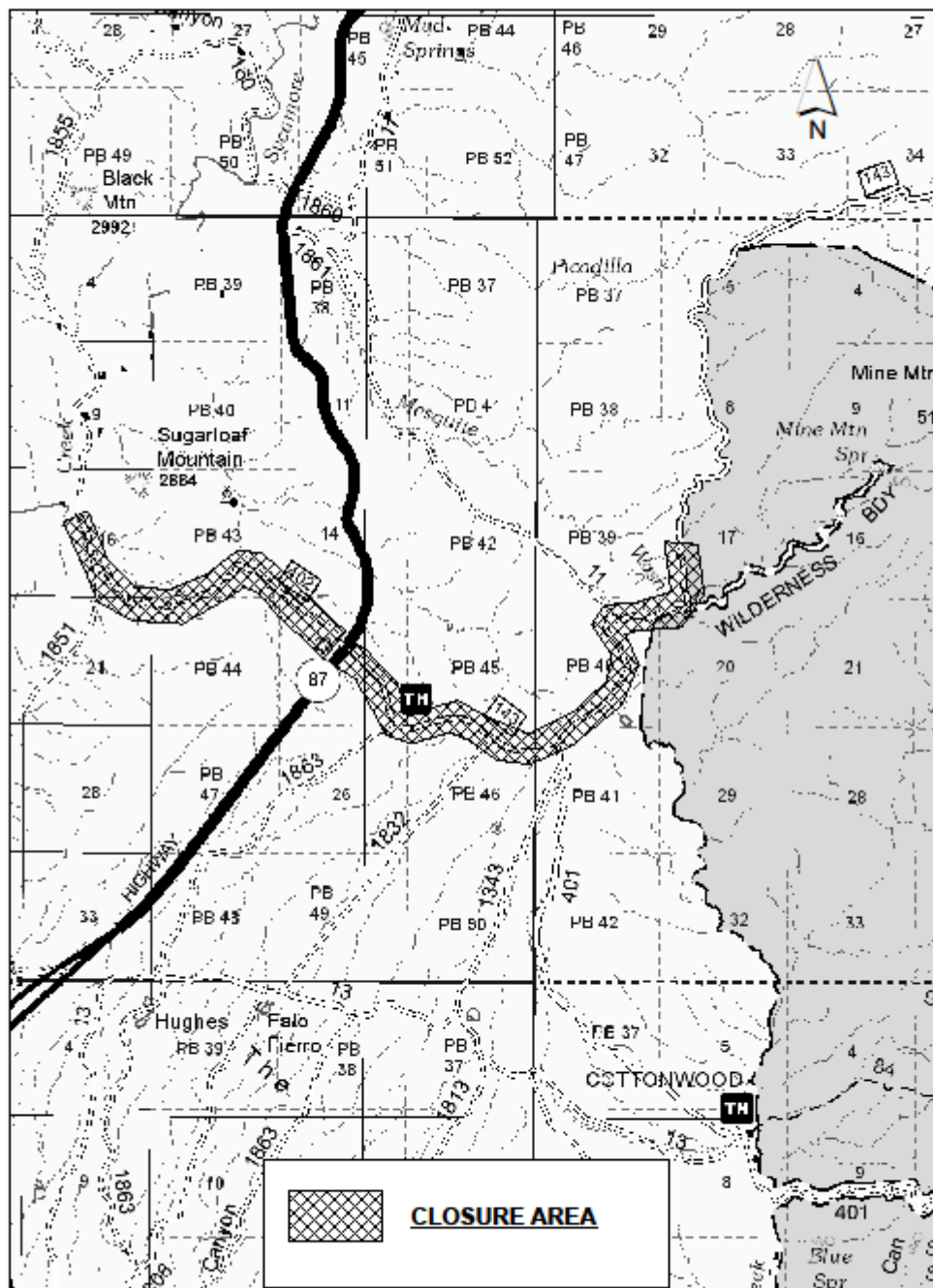
/s/ Neil Bosworth

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EXHIBIT A



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